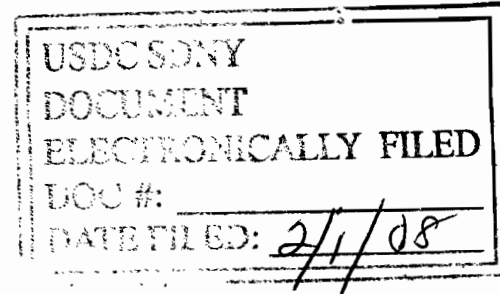




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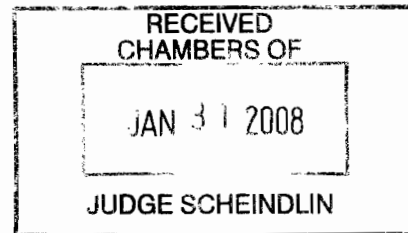
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January 31, 2008



Via Facsimile

The Honorable Shira A. Scheindlin  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

Re: *Ocean Ridge Capital Advisors, LLC, etc. v Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, et al.*; Case No.: 07-cv-3213 (SAS)

Dear Judge Scheindlin:

We represents three Defendants in this case, including Craig Van Ess, who is one of the "Director Defendants." Mr. Van Ess is one of the parties who reached a settlement in principal with Plaintiff, Ocean Ridge Capital Advisors, LLC ("Plaintiff") at the December 2007 settlement conference.

On January 25, 2008, Arthur Aufses, who represents other Director Defendants, wrote to you on behalf of his clients, as well as Mr. Van Ess, and requested that the Court adjourn the time for the Director Defendants to join additional parties from January 31, 2008 until February 29, 2008. You granted that request, as well as similar requests made by other settling Defendants.

January 31, 2008 is also the deadline to amend pleadings and we ask that this deadline, like the deadline to join parties, be extended for Mr. Van Ess to February 29, 2008. Plaintiff's counsel has no objection to this request.

The date by which any amended pleading must be filed is extended to and including February 29, 2008.  
So Ordered: *[Signature]*  
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Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Respectfully yours,

Varnum Riddering Schmidt & Howlett LLP

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Aaron Phelps".  
Aaron M. Phelps

AMP:rmdl

cc: All counsel of record (via electronic mail only)

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